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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT: LATEST SWEDISH EFFORTS

1. SAAB- SCANIA OF SWEDEN FOLLOWED BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) WITH ANNOUNCEMENT ON JUNE 27 OUTLINING THEIR PROPOSITION OFFERING EXTENSIVE AERONAUTICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION TO BELGIUM AND HOLLAND, IF BELGIUM BUYS NEW VERSION OF VIGGEN TO REPLACE F-104'S.

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2. SAAB REPS SAID THAT NEW VERSION OF VIGGEN (TO BE

CALLED EUROFIGHTER) WOULD BE BUILT ENTIRELY WITHIN EEC AND NATO COUNTRIES BY EXISTING COMPANIES. PROGRAM WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO BE CREATED BY SAAB, HEADQUARTERED IN BELGIUM OR THE NETHERLANDS. IN ADDITION TO ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT, PROPOSAL OFFERS FOLLOWING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BY SAAB, VOLVO, L.N. ERICSSON, AND SVENSKA RADIO:

A. NEW SAAB CAR FACTORY FOR EUROPEAN MARKET (IN ADDITION TO PLANNED CAPACITY INCREASES AT EXISTING FACTORY IN MECHELEN).

B. NEW VOLVO TRUCK FACTORY.

C. NEW SAAB AIRCRAFT FACTORY TO WORK ON VIGGEN AND OTHER AERONAUTICAL PROJECTS.

D. NEW ELECTRONIC AND ELECTROMECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FACTORY.

E. EXPANSION OF EXISTING VOLVO CAR PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN BELGIUM.

F. TRANSFER OF ORDERS TO BELGIAN INDUSTRY FROM SUBCONTRACTORS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. SAAB REPS SAID THAT TOTAL VALUE OF THEIR PROPOSAL TO BELGIUM OF INDUSTRIAL INDUCEMENTS WOULD BE BF 50 BILLION OVER TWELVE YEAR PERIOD.
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